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CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE SAID TODAY THE AMOUNT OF "HARD INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE ON SOVIET OPERATIONS IN CUBA HAS BEEN "VERY DISAPPOINTING."

THE GEORGIA DEMOCRAT EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE ABOUT U.S. INTELLIGENCE GATHERING OPERATIONS TO REPORTERS FOLLOWING THE BREAKUP OF CLOSED-DOOR MILITARY BUDGET HEARINGS.

HE SAID THERE WAS A "SURPRISINGLY SMALL AMOUNT" OF INTELLIGENCE, OTHER THAN WHAT IS GATHERED THROUGH CONTINUED AERIAL SURVEILLANCE. PHOTO PLANES, HE EMPHASIZED, CAN'T LOOK IN THE HOLD OF A SOVIET SHIP AND COUNT TROOPS OR TECHNICIANS.

THE COMMITTEE QUESTIONED NAVY AND MARINE BRASS AT TODAY'S HEARINGS A CONTINUATION OF SESSIONS ON THE ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION BILL FOR WEAPONS.

ADM. GEORGE W. ANDERSON TOLD THE GROUP THAT U.S. NAVAL FORCES MADE MORE THAN 20 SUBMARINE CONTACTS DURING THE CUBAN CRISIS, AND AT LEAST SIX CONTACTS POSITIVELY WERE IDENTIFIED AS SOVIET SUBS.

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